

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3-6, 8, 9, 11-16, 18, 20-22, and 32 are pending in the application. Claims 2, 7, 10, 17, 19, are 23-31 canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Applicant reserves the right to pursue the cancel claims in appropriate continuing application. Claims 1, 8, 9, 12, 13, 18, 20, 21, and 32 have been amended to more particularly point out and distinctly claim the present invention.

Drawing Objection

The drawings stand objected to under 37 CFR 1.84(p)(5) as including a reference number not treated in the written description. By this paper, FIG. 2 has been amended to remove reference number 224.

Claim Rejection 35 U.S.C. § 112, paragraph 1

By this paper, Claims 1, 9, and 18 have been amended to include the limitations of Claim 2, 10, and 19, respectively. Claims 2, 10, and 19 are indicated as allowable by the Office. Additionally, Claims 1, 8, 9, 12, 13, 18, 20, 21, and 32 have been amended to overcome the Office's pending rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, paragraph 1 and are believed to be in a condition for allowance which is earnestly solicited.

Regarding Claims 6, 16, 22, and 28 (Claim 28 has been canceled) have been amended to more particularly point out and distinctly claim the Markush group. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the outstanding rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, paragraph 1. Specifically, the claims at issue recite a Markush group further limiting a "securing device" to one of "a screw" or "a lock" in the case of Claims 6, and 16. Claim 22 has been amended to claim a Markush group for a securing means. Removal of the pending rejection is respectfully requested and allowance is earnestly solicited.

CONCLUSIONS

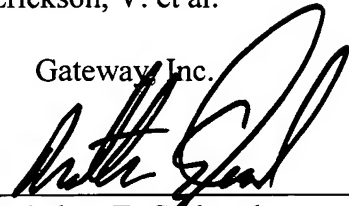
In-light of the forgoing, reconsideration and allowance of the claims is earnestly solicited. Should a telephonic conference be of assistance, counsel for the Applicants may be contacted at the number below.

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